

Miami-Dade County
The Dr. Antonio Jorge Social and Economic Development Council (SEDC)

Dr. Raul Moncarz, Chairman
Monthly Meeting
Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW First Street, 19th Floor Conference Room
August 26th, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Maria Dolores Espino, Vice Chair

II. Board Members Present:

Subrata Basu; Dr. Maria Delores Espino; Dr. Thomas Breslin; Marcos A. Kerbel; Jose Lopez-Calleja; Dr. Brian Peterson; Roberto Saco; Retha Boone; and Dr. Pedro Pellet

Members Excused:

Dr. Raul Moncarz, Dr. Elisa Moncarz; Dr. Kenneth Lipner; and Dr. Bernadette West

Members Absent without Excuse:

Santiago Leon; Mr. Jesus Permuy; Dr. Jorge Salazar-Carrillo; Reinaldo Valdes; Dr. Robert Cruz; and Juliana Velez

Visitors:

Dominique Dawson, Intern, Black Affairs Advisory Committee

Staff Present:

Robert Hesler and Helen Rodriguez

III. Approval of the Minutes – June 24th, 2016

Dr. Thomas Breslin moved to approve the Minutes of June 24th, 2016. **Roberto Saco** seconded the motion. Motion was approved by group vote.

IV. Chairperson's Report – Student participation at council meetings

Robert Hesler, Staff: Explained to council that Dr. Moncarz wanted to reach out for student participation around the County and various colleges to invite them to participate with the Council. **Dr. Delores Maria Espino:** Suggested that the students in the community should know what the council is doing and get the students more involved.

Roberto Saco: He wants to know what would be the objective of involving in the students.

Dr. Maria Delores Espino: Stated that she was talking on behalf of Dr. Moncarz and he wanted the students to get more involved with what we are doing as a council.

Robert Hesler: Stated that the Harvard students were very grateful and that they found the meeting very informative. They also learned about how processes work in the County. He feels that it would be even better if the students were from local universities. The council agreed. **Dr. Maria Delores Espino:** Suggested get four students (to intern) for one year and possibly they could get credit or we could mentor them in other ways.

A discussion took place between council members whether or not to get an intern for a year to participate with the council. **Retha Boone:** Suggested to go through the Mayor's office and have them assign a student to our specific department. She will get information to the council members before the next meeting.

V. General Discussion Items

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➤ **Biomedical Research Center – Dr. Brian Peterson**

Dr. Brian Peterson: It was agreed by the council members that they hold a conference next year to explore the Miami Health District and to get the key players involved. Also wants the council to get into tertiary medical care.

Dr. Maria Delores Espino: Suggested this would be good visibility for our community to have a conference because in the past, the conferences held by the AJSEDC have been valuable to the-community.

Dr. Thomas Breslin: Recommended using a charity hospital from more than one institution because a using a training hospital has proven successful in New Orleans. Since he was one of the two lead planners for the FIU medical school for two years and he worked with the Chamber of Commerce who met with the Miami-Dade Medical Association and so on, we didn't want to compete and were too expensive and they would provide medical training and health research through clinics and hospitals in the North and West and to a certain extent in the SW areas as well. A committee was established consisting of Dr. Brian Peterson; Dr. Maria Delores Espino and Dr. Thomas Breslin. (not clear)

Dr. Maria Delores Espino: Suggests this committee meet one hour prior to the Steering Committee meeting of September 9th, 2016.

Subrata Basu: Feels that Dr. Peterson is right on track with this and has been working on this project for some time now, but feels that the vision has not been shared or developed with anyone else and thinks that is where the gap is and feels that we should continually think about it. If FIU and UM are not willing to come to the table, then what are we talking about? It was discussed by the council members to have FIU and UM to come independently to give them an overview of the concept. Mr. Basu also feels it is important to have champions with these three stakeholders and identify someone that will push for your cause and then work with that person to do the networking.

Dr. Maria Delores Espino: She suggested that Dr. Brian Peterson put his points on paper and for this committee to meet one hour prior to the September 9th Steering Committee meeting to discuss the points.

VI. Miami-Dade Economic Conditions – Robert Hesler

Robert Hesler, Staff: Gave a brief presentation regarding the Miami-Dade County Labor Market Snapshot

➤ **New Business/Issues of Interest –** Nothing was discussed.

➤ **Public Comments –** No public comments were discussed.

➤ **ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.**

Dr. Pedro F. Pellet moved the motion to adjourn the meeting. **Retha Boone** seconded the motion. Motion was approved by group vote.

Next SEDC Council Meeting Date: **September 23, 2016. Committees: September 9, 2016.**

The Dr. Antonio Jorge Social and Economic Development Council Mission

To improve the quality of life of all residents of Miami Dade County by providing the County Commission and Mayor with timely, objective, transparent, and thoughtful advice on significant social and economic issues. The Council aims to pursue a balanced perspective among economic development, social justice, and environmental sustainability, both in the short and long term.